In addition to the above, the Government of National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi has also taken up large scale sewerage and non-sewerage works out of its resources for controlling pollution in Yamuna.

Polavaram Project

318. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the Polavaram Project in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether the Centre has given clearance for the execution of the project to the Andhra Pradesh Government;

(c) whether the Orissa State, which would be affected by it, was consulted in the matter before giving clearance;

(d) whether the Orissa Government have lodged a protest in the matter; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) Environmental Clearance (EC) has been accorded to Polavaram Project on 25.10.2005. Forest clearance (FC) for acquisition of 187 hectares of forest land will be considered only after approval by National Board of Wildlife (NBWL) and Hon'ble Supreme Court.

(b) No, Sir, in view of the reply to part (a) above.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Yes Sir.

(e) The objection of Government of Orissa was basically against the submergence of areas in Orissa. This matter has been referred to Government of Andhra Pradesh. Further, High Court of Orissa has already intervened in the matter and have directed the Government of Andhra Pradesh not to submerge the area falling within the State of Orissa.